

The Franklin Bicentenary

Ben Franklin, Printer and Author

Born Jan. 17, 1706; Died April 17, 1790

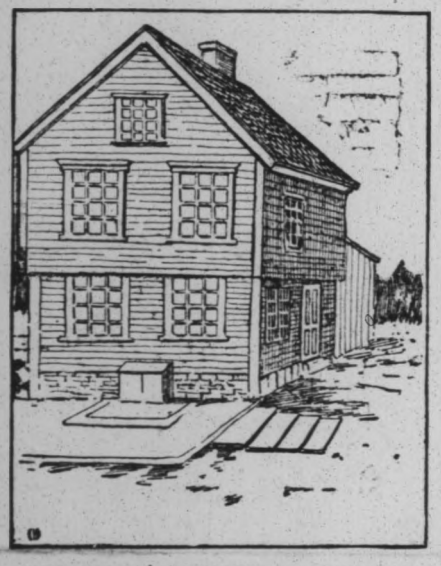
HE two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, which is to be celebrated on Jan. 17 at his birthplace, Boston, at his home city of Philadelphia, at New York and elsewhere, will give Americans a chance fitly to honor a man who never yet has been rated at his true value. He was so unostentatious, so homesick in speech and dress, so human withal and so little of the outward show of greatness that we have not yet beheld the colossal proportions of his mind and soul. Thomas Carlyle, with his insight into the heroic and spiritual qualities of men, has referred to Franklin as "one of the demigods." It is safe to say that the future, with its larger vision and appreciation, will agree with Carlyle's estimate.

Franklin was the modern Socrates. The parallel between these two great characters is almost startling. Let us not imagine that the American philosopher is dwarfed in comparison with the Athenian. We are apt to magnify the distant prophet and neglect the one near by. When the world has 1,000 or 2,000 years of intervening distance across which to contemplate the practical discoverer of electricity, writer of proverbs and friend of liberty, it may be able to measure his true proportions. Solomon and Marcus Aurelius, who were characters made in much the same mold as Socrates and Franklin, tested by service to after ages, are no more entitled to our consideration than this plain Philadelphia philosopher. Yet theirs are names mighty in the ages. What right have we to conclude that the name of Franklin will not be alike mighty in the happier days to come?

Benjamin Franklin was born Jan. 6, old style, or Jan. 17, new style, 1706. His forefathers had been blacksmiths in England. His father was a tallow chandler in Boston. Young Ben had only two years' schooling, after which he helped his father for a time in candle molding, when he was apprenticed to his brother James, a printer. After a time this brother started a paper, and Ben, although a mere boy, wrote for it. Papers were not popular in those days, especially with men in power, and James got into jail once or twice for his pains. Then Ben ran the paper. Finally it was put in his name, and he built it up both in circulation and literary quality. His brother often chastised him, however, and this high spirited boy would not stand, so he ran away. Before going he had read every book he could lay his hands on, had developed considerable ability as a disputant, had written verses which had circulated in pamphlet form and had got himself disliked because of the freedom of his religious opinions. In fact, some of the Puritanical Bostonians called him an atheist. So he was almost a pariah when he pulled up stakes one night and slipped away to New York. Failing to find work there, he went on to Philadelphia, where he arrived with only a dollar in his pocket. The first night he slept in the Friends' meeting house. He spent almost his last money in buying three loaves of bread, two of which he fed to beggars. Then he hunted work at his trade and found it. After a time the governor of the province became interested in the bright

larger views of life and read many new books. But at the first opportunity he returned to Philadelphia and after working a short time for a merchant managed to set himself up as a printer. From this time his rise was steady and rapid. He bought the Pennsylvania Gazette when it was on the verge of ruin and built it up till it was the most influential paper in the colonies. Shortly after, when he was twenty-six, appeared "Poor Richard's Almanack" under the pseudonym of Richard Saunders. This made an immediate hit, the first number running through three editions and being translated into almost every language of Europe. This he continued publishing for twenty-five years. Some of the kindly, wise sayings in it have become as much household words as are the quotations from Shakespeare or the Bible. Here are a few of the most famous:

God helps them that help themselves. Laziness travels so slowly that Poverty soon overtakes him. Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise. Never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today. What maintains one vice would bring up two children. Buy what thou hast no need of and before long thou shalt sell thy necessities. It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright. Three may keep a secret—if two of them are dead. Deny self for self's sake. Keep thy shop and thy shop will keep thee. An old young man will be a young old man. Forewarned, forearmed. Old health; doctor takes the fee. He that would have a short Lent let him borrow money to be repaid at Easter. A good conscience is a continual Christmas.



FRANKLIN'S BIRTHPLACE, BOSTON.

when old Franklin not only wrote these things; he lived them. He had a definite and systematic way of checking up his conduct. He made a list of the cardinal virtues, then marked opposite each any slight infraction on his own part during each day. To perfect himself in writing he took a copy of the Spectator, fixed the thought of some particular paragraph in his mind, then after the lapse of a few days tried to reproduce it. He always strove for self improvement. While a boy he ran on to a description of the Socratic method of questioning and making tentative statements. It made such a deep impression on his mind that he abandoned the dogmatic method of saying "Undoubtedly" and "Certainly" and adopted the more modest and winning method of saying, "It appears to me to be so and so," or, "If I am not mistaken, it is thus and so." To this habit early formed he owed much of his success as a writer and diplomat in later life.

Benjamin Franklin did not become an author merely for popularity. Of the creation of literature for its own sake he knew nothing. He wrote always to further some especial cause he had in view or with the distinct object of aiding men's morals and material well being. Outside of the almanack the only considerable work from his pen is his autobiography. This was unfinished at the time of his death and was not published until some time afterward.

The letters and political papers also contain much of the trenchant wisdom and homely philosophy of this versatile man. He was one of the few who could not write without saying something. It might be a letter on never so trivial a subject; still the individuality of Franklin shone through. He made everything he did or said worth while only because he was in it. He was so distinct, so different, yet so universal and so common, that everything he touched he made vital with his own being. No man, at least in modern times, ever entered so many fields and made himself master of them all. This was because he was always and everywhere Ben Franklin, a distinct and definite entity and sufficiently forceful to lend to all that emanated from him his own distinction. After all, it is great souls that count, and Franklin was great enough and original enough to leave an impress the world can never lose. He became an influence in all after-civilization that can never be eradicated. He sowed himself in his age, and the thought seed grew, to be reproduced in after ages. He was a pervasive sort of man, and there is little of the occidental world that has not felt his presence. He was at home with the scientist or the peasant, with the king or the revolutionist, in the salon or the backwoods. Such universal characters are rare. They seem to touch humanity at every point, to comprehend and include it. They are so great they do not need to seem great, and therefore their genius is often unperceived by those nearest at hand.

This much can be said of Benjamin Franklin: He was the most conspicuous newspaper man of his day and to that extent was the founder of the modern American press. He was one

of the best printers, if not the best, in the colonies, and he was the most celebrated American author up to his own day and for generations afterward. J. A. EDGERTON.

**Vidocq's Memory.**  
Vidocq, the great French detective, had so excellent a memory for names and faces that after having seen a criminal once and learned his name he never forgot him, but would often identify him under the most subtle disguises. A French forger once escaped from custody, went abroad and remained for eleven years. In the meantime he became quite bald and lost an eye and part of his nose in a drunken brawl. Fancying that no one could detect him, he returned to Paris and went boldly about the streets; but, being arrested on suspicion, he was brought before Vidocq, who at once recognized him and sent him back to work out his term.

### IVORY CARVING.

**The Chinese Still Excel in Making Elaborate Fan Sticks.**  
"You may say that the Chinese still excel in elaborate carving of ivory for fan sticks," said a fan importer. "Years of labor are represented in some of the fans made in the Orient. For nearly two centuries the manufacture of fans for the European market has been an important industry of China. The Chinese workmen, brought to Paris in the seventeenth century in order to teach Frenchmen the art, aided greatly in giving the prominence to French fans. At Dieppe and other industrial centers in France fine examples of carved ivory fan sticks are produced, and many of the most beautiful fans reaching the New York market come from there. There is a wide choice of material for the sticks, comprising ivory, mother-of-pearl, tortoise shell, horn, sandal and other woods, with occasionally filigree work in metal. The most common materials, of course, are wood and bone, which are decorated with prints or pressed work. One of the most notable fans, made with metal sticks, is the one of carved silver said to have once belonged to Marie Antoinette. This fan is now in the South Kensington collection. The mother-of-pearl sticks give an excellent opportunity for artistic carving and also for clever gilding."—Jeweler's Circular-Weekly.

### Dec. 24 In History.

- 1757—Silas Deane, diplomatist of the Revolutionary era, born in Groton, Conn.; died 1783.
- 1765—Benjamin Rush, "signer" and eminent medical writer, born in Byberry, Pa.; died 1813. Dr. Rush studied medicine abroad after graduating at Princeton, held the chair of chemistry in the Medical College of Philadelphia when the Revolution broke out. His support of the cause led him into Congress. In 1777 Dr. Rush was appointed surgeon general of the American army. When the war ended he returned to his professorship and became a popular lecturer and writer upon medical science. In 1793 he successfully treated yellow fever in Philadelphia, sometimes visiting and treating 100 patients a day.
- 1814—Treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain signed at Ghent, ending the war of 1812. Peace negotiations were originally brought about by the initiative of Alexander I. of Russia, and it has been asserted that the czar was influential in securing important modifications of the terms first submitted by the British envoys.
- 1853—William Makepeace Thackeray, English author, died; born 1811.
- 1859—Daniel Sharp, Ford, proprietor and editor of Youth's Companion, died in Boston; born 1822.
- 1903—Rear Admiral Edwin White, U. S. N., died in Brooklyn; born 1813.

### Dec. 25 In History.

- Date settled upon for the birth of Jesus Christ, and celebrated as Christmas since the reign of Constantine.
- 1535—Jacques Cartier, French explorer, founder of Quebec and first governor of New France, died; born at Brouage, France, 1537.
- 1642—Sir Isaac Newton, born in Lincolnshire; died 1727.
- 1765—James Hervey, English divine and author, died; born 1714. Hervey was noted for piety and benevolence.
- 1787—Daniel Shays broke up the supreme court at Worcester, Mass.; "Shays' insurrection" suppressed soon afterward.
- 1890—Right Rev. and Hon. William Thompson, D. D., archbishop of York, died; born 1813.
- 1901—Jacques Franca Henri Fouquier, famous French dramatic critic, died in Paris; born 1833.

### Dec. 26 In History.

- 1716—Thomas Gray, author of the famous "Elegy," born; died 1771.
- 1776—Battle of Trenton.
- 1853—Great fire in New York and famous clipper Great Republic destroyed.
- 1889—General John A. Logan died in Washington; born 1826.
- 1894—Dr. William Detmold, eminent German-American surgeon, died in New York city; born in Hanover 1808.
- 1904—Czar Nicholas issued his long promised reform ukase.

### Dec. 27 In History.

- 1566—Sir Francis Drake, celebrated English navigator and naval hero, died; born about 1540.
- 1850—Dr. Heinrich Schliemann, famous German antiquarian and explorer of Troy, Mycenae, etc., died in Naples; born in 1820 in Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Dr. Schliemann was born poor and amassed a fortune in business, which he devoted to study, travel and excavations on the sites of ancient cities.
- 1898—The Dreyfus secret dossier communicated to the court of cassation. Mrs. Isabel A. Mallon (Ruth Ashmore), a well known writer, died in New York city; born 1832.
- 1901—William J. Sewell, United States senator from New Jersey, died at Camden; born 1835.

**No Time to Sort Her Mail.**  
The ways of women are beyond the comprehension of mere man," said her companion as after purchasing her stamps at the general postoffice she carried her mail to the nearest post box. "Will you kindly explain why you did that?"

"Simply because I hadn't time to sort my mail into 'Letters, Newspapers and Packages, Foreign, Domestic, New York City' and a few dozen other subdivisions and then walk around that monstrous building to find the proper drops for the various articles," she replied. "It takes time, patience and ingenuity to post anything in the general postoffice, and I don't possess any of those things. Give me the plain, uncomplicated letter box for practical purposes!"

And of course he remarked that that was just like a woman.—New York Press.

**Rebuked From the Pulpit.**  
Preaching in Westminster abbey Canon Wilberforce told a good story of the celebrated Welsh preacher, Christmas Evans, who dared publicly to express his thankfulness for Jenny Lind's beautiful singing. A member of his congregation, a straitlaced Calvinist, standing on the steps of the pulpit, asked the preacher whether a man dying at one of Jenny Lind's concerts would go to heaven. "Sir," replied Mr. Evans, "a Christian will go to heaven wherever he dies, but a fool remains a fool even on the pulpit steps." Even the sober abey congregation could hardly stifle its enjoyment of this repartee.

**Buffon's Chimpanzee.**  
The English Illustrated Magazine says that "Buffon had a chimpanzee in 1740 which always walked upright, offered people his arm, walked with them in an orderly manner, sat down to table like a man, opened his napkin and wiped his lips with it, made use of spoon and fork, poured out wine and clinked glasses."

**Stirring Him Up.**  
"I believe I can truthfully say," remarked the self complacent man, "that I have only one fault, and that's a small one."

"Yes," replied the candid man. "That's just like the hole in a nickel. It may be a small hole, but it makes the nickel no good."—Philadelphia Press.

**Submissive.**  
"What would you do, Henry," asked Mrs. Johnston, "if burglars got into the house?"

"Do?" replied her husband. "I suppose I would just do what they told me. I've never had my own way in this house yet."

**Made Him Cautious.**  
N. Vickary, formerly for many years a well known taxidermist of Lynn, Mass., had skinned an eagle for mounting one day when an old colored man who did odd jobs about came in.

"Uncle Ben," said the taxidermist, "you can take home that goose over there if you want to."

Uncle Ben bore the "goose" joyfully away. The next time he met Mr. Vickary he looked at him rather queerly, but said nothing. A few days later the taxidermist skinned an owl and again offered Uncle Ben a goose to take home. Uncle Ben removed his hat, scratched his head in some perplexity and then said:

"If it's all the same to you, Mistah Vickary, s'ud I like to see the feet ob dat goose before I take him home to my ole woman."

**A Catchword.**  
Concerning the term "catchword" the London Chronicle says that its old technical sense "is familiar to those who affect old books. The catchword was the first word of a page, which was printed also at the bottom of the preceding page, so as to insure that the pages should follow on properly. In Latin these catchwords were known as 'custodes,' guardians. The device was invented in Venice about 1420 and was in vogue for centuries. This is the oldest sense of 'catchword' in the English language. Afterward it came to mean a prominent word heading a column of a dictionary, the rhyming word of a line of verse and an actor's cue."

**He Won The Trick.**  
"Oh, George, dear," she whispered when he slipped the engagement ring on her tapering finger, "how sweet of you to remember just the sort of stone I preferred! None of the others was ever so thoughtful!"

George was staggered but for a moment. Then he came back with, "Not at all, dear; you overrate me. This is the one I've always used."

### MOVED UPSTAIRS.

**A Flat Dweller's Change That Was Not Born of Economy.**

Within two days after the second floor family moved to the fourth floor their acquaintances were circulating the report that the head of the family had his salary reduced and had moved up two flights to cut down expenses. After that it didn't take long for the man's wife to hear what other people had heard. She indignantly denied the rumor.

"John is all right," she said. "It isn't his fault that we moved upstairs; it's mine. My motive was not at all creditable. I hadn't intended to tell anybody about it, but since John's reputation as a business man is at stake I see I've got to own up. We moved to get even with the family on the third floor. During all those months that we lived below them they tormented the life out of me and my girls by cleaning house on my wash day. They took particular pains with their rugs. The appearance of my newly washed clothes on the line was the signal for them to hang their rugs out of their own back windows and give them a good beating. By the time those rugs were renovated my clothes were ready for the tubs again. Week after week I protested. The janitor's sympathy was finally enlisted in my behalf, but not even he could change the programme for beating those rugs. After suffering at the hands of my enemies for a whole year I determined upon revenge. The only way to get it was to move upstairs. We moved, and now I have the satisfaction of giving their clothes a case of spotted measles by shaking my rugs over them."—New York Press.

### A GRISLY SIGHT.

**Slaughter of the Baby Seals on the Glittering Ice Floes.**  
Never shall a man who has once watched the slaughter of a fur seal herd forget the ghastly sight. From the deck of the blunt nosed sealing steamer you can count thousands upon thousands of seal families stretched out on the glittering ice floes, the dark mottled bodies of the adults standing out in high relief against the blue whiteness of their floating homes, while the snow white fur of the baby seal blends almost imperceptibly into the background. From the ship, hurrying over the ice, rush nearly 200 men of the crew, each armed with an iron tipped club. From near and far go up the agonized cries of the terrified seals. Flopping along over the ice, the adults rush frantically for the water, doing their best to hurry their young with them.

In most cases their way of escape is cut off by the sealers. With a blow of the iron bound club the skull of the seal pup is crushed, its blood staining the whiteness of the floe, while its parents are allowed to get away in safety.—Technical World Magazine.

**Many of These Much Traveled Little Fellows Are Surprisingly Tame.**

It is surprising that there are birds which come to us only to spend the winter, leaving us again at the beginning of spring for northern lands and snow banked hillsides, where the long day and pale twilight nights of the arctic reign. Birds that raise their broods in the far, treeless northland, where heather, grasses and stunted alders grow on a shallow, soaking soil underlaid by a great depth of eternal ice, at the approach of winter gather into great roving flocks to surge southward to the gentler climate of our blizzardy "temperate" winters!

Many of these much traveled little fellows are wonderfully tame and seem not to experience fear of man so universal with animals that rear their young in his neighborhood. Pine grosbeaks and crossbills, whose real homes are in the silent, moss filled spruce forests of the great north, will almost allow themselves to be caught in your hand. With the field roving birds, like the snow buntings, horned larks and longspurs, this fearlessness is not found, probably from the constant lookout they are forced to keep against the cunning and hungry white foxes and the daring, trap jawed little ermine that persistently hunt them in their northland home. But the rosy little red polls, the creepers, kinglets, "little friend chickadees," as the northern Indians call him, and all the other deep forest dwellers are as unafraid of us as they are of the gentle porcupines and deer of their home woods.—St. Nicholas.

### A REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

**Odd Incident of the Reign of Terror in Paris.**

During the reign of terror in Paris one of the most remarkable escapes was that of M. de Chateaubrun. He was sent to execution with twenty other prisoners, but, after the fifteenth head had fallen, the guillotine got out of order and a workman was sent for to repair it. The six remaining victims were left standing in front of the machines with their hands tied behind them. A French crowd is very curious, and the people kept pressing forward to see the man arranging the guillotine. By degrees M. de Chateaubrun, who was to the rear of his companions, found himself in the front line of the spectators, then in the second, and finally well behind those who had come to see his head cut off. Before the men could get the guillotine in working order night began to fall, and M. de Chateaubrun slipped away. When in the Champs Elysees he told a man that a wag had tied his hands and robbed him of his hat, and this simple individual set him free. A few days later M. de Chateaubrun escaped from France.

### CELEBRATION.

**Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Founding of the Institute**

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., December 9.—When Dr. Washington was in Washington this week, he obtained the promise of Secretary of War Taft to deliver one of the principal addresses at Tuskegee on the occasion of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Tuskegee Institute.

The celebration will take place about the middle of next April.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute will be celebrated in April of the coming year. President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard University has consented to be one of the principal speakers during the three days' celebration. The following recommendations made by Principal Booker T. Washington to the board of trustees of the Tuskegee Institute have been ratified:

"I would recommend that the celebration be made the occasion for showing the progress of the negro people in the following directions:

"To display the history, including the growth of Hampton Institute—out of which Tuskegee has grown—the present status, and the distinctive aims and service of the Tuskegee Institute.

"To display the work of our graduates and the history, and the present condition of the school that grew out of growth of Tuskegee.

"To exhibit the scope, and the efficiency of the Tuskegee Institute.

"To celebrate a revival of plaintive melodies.

"To exhibit the history, progress, and present condition of the American Negro.

"To bring eminent men, white and black, from the South and the North to represent under such auspices and to voice on the same platform the points of view and maturing convictions of their sections and their people upon Negro education and training.

"I would further recommend that this celebration be made the occasion for a substantial increase in our endowment fund.

### POLITICAL REUNION

**A Republican Love Feast Scheduled Grand Time Expected.**

Thursday, December 23, has been selected as the "love feast" day, by the Republican State Committee.

The county committees are to be reorganized Friday or Saturday, January 12 and 13, the district committees, Tuesday January 16, and the reorganization meeting of the State committee will be held Thursday, January 18. It is thought probable that in Marion county, which is the Seventh district, both the county and district meetings will be held Saturday night, January 13th.

One delegate for every 200 votes or fraction over 100 votes cast for George Cunningham, presidential elector, was fixed as the basis for the representation in the conventions.

The Recorder has received word that a number of prominent colored men are expecting to attend the "love feast" next Thursday.

### DECATUR, Ill., Dec. 18, Tom

Walter, colored, who killed Mrs. Lydia Grant at Clinton, September 5th, '05, last, though he had intended to kill Mrs. Mary Jackson instead as a result of unrequited love, has been sentenced to the Chester penitentiary for fourteen years.

Both women were white, and poor, but the convicted negro is one of the richest men in this part of the State. He is worth more than \$25,000.

### THE KOTOW.

**Neither Ungraceful Nor Degrading as Performed by Chinese.**

The kotow (pronounced ker-toe and meaning literally to bow the head) is used as a form of thanks and is not a manner of greeting. The actors kotow to their majesties at the beginning and end of each performance at the theater, first to thank for the honor they are to receive in being allowed to act before them and at the end to thank for the privilege granted. The officials "bow the head" to thank for an audience or any favor or gift they have received or are to receive from their majesties. The kotow is not only made by people at the palace and at imperial audiences; it is sometimes used by equals to each other as a proper manner of thanking for some great favor. To make the kotow the person kneels three times and each time bows his head three times, touching the ground with it. The kotow could not be made by a foreigner without looking most awkward and appearing most servile, and it is neither ungraceful nor degrading. It is a time honored manner of giving thanks, a Chinese tradition surviving from a time when the courtiers were perhaps like slaves, but at present it does not imply any slavish inferiority on the part of him who performs it.—Katharine A. Carl in Century.

### ORGANIZATION

**THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS FOUND WITH HARMONIC FORCES**

### A LEADERSHIP NECESSARY

**Without Aim the Struggle is Naught Hence Embodiment of all the Essentials is Needed.**

There are many imperative duties devolving upon us to fashion. Our racial character and the most important from a political view point is a permanent political organization namely an Afro-American Political Organization of Indiana, with headquarters at the Capitol. Then we can be in touch with the powers that be and keep ourselves posted on all diplomatic affairs and economic questions that may come up for consideration. This propaganda will be composed of delegates from the several congressional districts of the State with four delegates at large.

Our plan is simply this have each district to elect three delegates and with four delegates at large would make a council with a working membership of forty-three.

This council could very readily look after the thirty thousand Negro voters of the State and have them to meet once in a year on "off" years and on Presidential year meet often as the case may be. This council with its prestige would be able to get on the inside and keep themselves in touch with the political machinery of the State and nation and thereby receive that recognition that is due them and keep themselves posted on local and other matters at any and all times.

The superior race has at its head a political organization for national State and municipal affairs and two United States Senators whose duties among other things are to look after the interests of their constituents but in our case we have at present no one to champion our several interests however. When our organization is set on foot we can then have some one to appeal for assistance along the several political lines and if we see fit to place a candidate on the ticket he will then have some prestige behind him, because he represents an organization whose machinery is in running order and all parts properly lubricated and when the state ticket is set up we can go into the convention and say: "Gentlemen we represent thirty thousand voters and we want some recognition proportionate to our vote. However this is very strong language and yet we are only carrying out the principals of the constitution and that perpetual document the Declaration of Independence that 'all men are created free and equal with certain'—and so forth.

Our greatest calamity heretofore has been that we have been to passive and allowed others to run rough shod over us without entering any protest and hence the sun is getting too high for such sentiment for because we are just entering into the first quarter of the twentieth century and greater developments are expected of us along all lines, and now we hold that this is strag language but necessary from the fact that all great institutions to be a success must of necessity have a head for the purpose of carrying out the aim and objects of its charter membership.

The church has a head in the person of its several Bishops and therefore in the educational field. We have a representative in the person of Booker T. Washington. "For past experience tells in every Soil, those who think must govern those who toil." (Copper.)

When the state is made up of the brother in black will be represented. If there is any class of people that believe in the principal of democracy of the referendum it is our people; from the fact politics generally speaking is run in the main by combinations and cliques whose principal aim is to keep certain ones posted on the inside and certain others on the outside. This traditional custom has been handed down from one generation to another, so long that it is almost a fixed appendage in our body politic, and hence if we want some of the loaves and fishes we must of necessity get on the firing line therefore the only means obtainable at home at take it, it is to formulate some line of action in a collective sense through and by a properly conducted co-operative organization with all ramifications properly guarded along the political "office way" that leads to power this can be better adjudicated and decided through a properly conducted organization with conscientious and conservative officers, who have the interest of the race at heart. This can be done singly or by co operative effort.

The negro is in his elementary stage politically and educationally, and he must take the various degrees one by one so he can fit himself for the academic degree.

Some one may take a pessimistic view of this matter but after they shall have given this affair the serious thought that your humble servant has they will come to the same conclusion. Some one must take the situation by a horn of the dilemma because procrastination is the thief of time for there is no power in the universe so mighty as a thorough and healthy sentiment for the benefit of man kind.

W. H. STOKES.  
Muncie, Ind.

Poor Richard, 1733.

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Almanack

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lad and proposed to set him up in business as a printer. For that purpose he sent him to London to secure an outfit, but failed to provide funds according to promise. As a result poor Ben was stranded and had to go to work again at his trade. While in London he attracted quite a little attention by swimming four miles. He had been an expert swimmer as a boy, the only sport, by the way, that he ever affected. His stay in London was of advantage to him, as he gained new and



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Mayor-elect Bookwalter is still "considering" his Colored appointments, and the air is rife with rumors. The suspense will soon be over, and then,—well wait.

It will require a very æsthetic mind to draw any favorable conclusions for Secretary of State Daniel Storns as against former Auditor David Sherrick.

December 25 will be observed as the greatest event of our Christian era, and the world will pause to remind and be reminded of the birth of the Redeemer of all mankind. On this day 1905 years ago, the good news and glad tidings were conveyed of the birth of a new Savior. The event was consecrated then by gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense. It is the same today. The spirit that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" should be uppermost in every mind at this time. Give that others might be happy, and you can experience no greater satisfaction. Remember those old people or orphans right at your door. Some little token to those old mothers at the Alpha Home or the children at the Colored Orphans Home, will not only lighten the cares of the managers of these institutions but will bring sun shine and gladness into hearts some times heavy laden and gloomy.

A subscriber in the city of Lafayette, makes a pointed suggestion concerning the disadvantage of professional men always locating in the larger cities. The writer well says that the smaller places want them just as badly as the larger ones. All of which may be true, as it is true also that there are two sides to the question. The influence of such a man or class of men is to be welcomed. It is a good incentive to the young Negro, and those cities so favored, should lose no opportunity to encourage and help these men, who in turn should stand for the best citizenship. There are few cities in Indiana now that cannot support a Colored physician. The Colored people of Lafayette are of a high order and industrious, and The Recorder feels certain that ere long a physician will be numbered among her good citizens.

A movement has been started in the city of Muncie, for the location of a State Industrial School for Colored boys and girls. The promoters of the idea, whose names are not given in its circular, hope to make the school self-supporting from the sale of manufactured articles and will teach the common school studies and various trades. The idea is alright, and if it is backed up with sound business judgement and not mere sentiment, it must be encouraged.

aged. We are not in favor of encouraging anymore institutions that depend primarily upon public charity for maintenance, for the number is already by far too large for our comfort and progress.

## CHURCH NOTES.

Mt. Zion S. S. will have the Christmas tree and exercises Monday evening Dec 25. Admission free. Free-will offering.

Mr. Taylor secretary of the Y. M. C. A. will be the speaker at Simpson Chapel Sunday Dec. 24.

The X'mas Cantata of South Calvary S. S. entitled "St. Nicholas Visit to the School" will take place X'mas night.

F. Fowler Brown and Mamam Lucetia Knox, will sing at St. Phillips Mission tomorrow a. 4 p. m.

The Ladies Guild of St. Phillips Mission will entertain at Odd Fellows hall Tuesday evening Dec. 26. A turkey will be given to the one holding the lucky number. Chance will be given with each admission.

Ninth Presbyterian S. S. will have a Christmas tree Wednesday Dec. 27. Elder Jesse Williams will address the E. W. D. Isaac Circle of Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday evening at 6:30 p. m.

W. H. M. Society of Simpson Chapel will have a Christmas tree Monday afternoon for the Flanner Guild boys.

Don't miss the Pipe Organ Reopening at Bethel church, Thursday evening Dec. 28. A program of all Stars.

Wayman Chapel S. S. will have their X'mas exercises Wednesday night.

## The Real "Santa Claus"

The real Santa Claus given at 2nd Baptist church Dec. 27. Tickets are now on sale for the Christmas cantata. This will be one of the best entertainments ever rendered in this city. Funny speaking and music, catchy and well rendered are the secrets of success of this excellent cantata. Especially dose this cantata get praise for its chorus work considering the size of the children, the youngest being four years old. No better singing will be heard any where than will be sung by the small children, considering from every point of view.

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Sunday evening song service program 2nd Baptist church Dec. 24th at 8 p. m.

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 Anthem Arise shine for thy light is come

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## Social Activities

A Week of Society Happenings in Town

Read The Recorder for the news.

Mrs. Eula Taylor is very ill.

Robt. Moss is improving at the city hospital.

Little Blanche B. Stewart is able to be out again.

Mrs. Edna Gains Trail is the guest of relatives this week.

Mrs. O. E. Duncan, who has been ill is now much improved.

Miss Gertrude Monroes of Cincinnati, is in the city for a few days.

Master Simmons will spend the holidays in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Bettie Smith of Anderson, is expected in the city this week.

The family reunion of the Alexander family will be held Christmas day at the home of Robert Kirk 1435 Lafayette street.

Mr. and Mrs. Milam of Lafayette, Ind., will arrive in the city Sunday to spend the holidays with her son Robert Kirk.

J. H. Taylor who has been in Michigan, for a few months will join his wife Saturday.

Harry Oglesby and family will spend their Christmas with his father-in-law, at Modoc.

If you want your visiting friends to have a nice time take them to the Novelty club Dec. 29.

Dr. H. Thomas of St. Louis, will be the guest of J. W. Thomas 223 Douglas street at supper Saturday.

Little Bertha Miller 729 W. 11th street after thirteen weeks illness of typhoid fever is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Wm. Allen entertained at supper Mrs. Ella Miller last Monday evening. Covers were laid for ten.

Mrs. Mary Wilson of Brightwood, entertained at 6 o'clock dinner last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Cooper.

Mrs. America Carter of Louisville, will come this week for a visit with Mrs. Sara Moore, in W. 12th street.

Miss Edna Jones has returned to the city and is at the home of her sister Mrs. Dr. Brown in Senate avenue.

Mrs. R. B. Shelton entertained Mr. and Mrs. Salem Tait and Gus Hall of Philadelphia, with the "Smart Set" at breakfast Friday morning.

Miss Lulu Bramlett will leave Monday for her home in Nashville, Tenn., to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Mayme Brown Huffman of St. Louis, will visit Mrs. Mary Cable during the holidays. A number of social functions will be given for her.

Presiding Elder Morris Lewis who has been confined to his home for past two weeks with Grippe is able to be out.

Miss Tommie Shores of Lexington, Ky., will come today to be the guest of Mrs. A. H. Henderson during the holidays.

Mrs. Hanna Kincaid and Mrs. H. L. Chapman are giving a surprise in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Kincaid last Friday night.

The True Reformers will give a grand benefit entertainment at North Senate avenue hall Tuesday evening December 26.

H. Gus Hall was circulating among friends last week. The Smart Set of which he has been a member for the past three years played to crowded houses.

Mrs. Eva Yanthia Bess of Colorado Springs, was called home on account of the illness of her mother Mrs. Angie Yanthia.

Christmas morning the Deacons of Bethel A. M. E. church will hold 6 o'clock prayer meeting led by Sister Cassie Jackson.

Miss Vyadetta Jackson of Evansville, will be the guest of her sister Mrs. S. C. Pritchett 709 Muskingum St.

Mrs. John Gibson of 1007 Colton street entertained her cousin Mrs. Emmett B. B. Walker at dinner Sunday. Four courses were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Taylor gave a theater party last Friday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Cooper. After the show the guests were served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Miss Gertrude A. Mahorney 1303 E. 11th street will have as her guests during the week between Christmas and New Year's, Miss Ada G. Mahorney and Joseph D. Mahorney of Allegheny, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Warfield of Patterson street will spend Xmas week in Louisville, with her sister.

The Pink and Blue Tea given by the Lot Cary Missionary society at Mrs. Effie Woods last Thursday was a success.

A special program to be rendered at Barne's Chapel Sunday evening. Rev. R. C. Fletcher will deliver the address upon the Birth of Christ, excellent music will be furnished by some of the city's best talent.

Miss Otha Earl Settles who is attending the State University College in Louisville, will be the guest of Miss Wyetta Williams 703 Fayette street during the holidays.

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Christmas song service at Simpson Chapel Sunday evening.

W. D. Collins, Mrs. Lucretia Knox and Chas. Winston will sing at the Planner Guild Sunday at 5 p. m.

Don't forget the Novelty club dance at Odd Fellows Hall, Dec. 29th.

The Y. M. E. Club will give there last dance of the season Wednesday Dec. 27. All holding invitations come and have one good time before the year closes.

The Novelty club will entertain the visitors that are in the city at their dance Dec. 29.

All the Bachelors are requested to meet Sunday afternoon at Mr. Fielding's barber shop on Indiana avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hightower of 518 W. 42nd St., entertained Mrs. Sadie Simms Mr. and Mrs. Watson at an afternoon theatre party last Thursday night Dec. 14 1905.

Miss Lulu Thomas will give a reception in honor of the Church Aid society of Allen Chapel Thursday evening Dec. 28 from 8 to 12 P. M. at the residence of Mrs. Delia Wilson 1413 Martindale ave. all member are requested to wear white.

## Woman's Club Dots.

Woman's club was guest of Mrs. Roxie Dixie this week. Next meeting with Mrs. Mary Duff 432 W. Michigan street Tuesday Dec. 26.

Charity Ball given the Woman's Monday evening was a success socially and financially.

If you want your visiting friends to have an evening of enjoyment bring them to the dance given by the Penderis club Wednesday evening January 3.

The Topaz Cluster will give a holiday dance at Odd Fellows hall Saturday evening Dec. 30.

The State Executive Board of the Household of Ruth of Odd Fellows will hold a meeting at Franklin, Ind. Dec. 27, with Miss Hattie Fossett, D. W. R.

Leah Chapter No. 2, O. E. S., will celebrate the birth of Christ at the hall corner Court and Market street Sunday afternoon. Public invited.

Last Grand Promenade of 1905 The Ladies Guild of St. Phillips Mission will give a grand Holiday Promenade at Tomlinson Hall Friday evening Dec. 29. No concert, no drill. Grand march at 10 o'clock sharp. Public invited. Refreshments and Full Orchestra. Admission 50 cents. Remember the date.

## In Memoriam.

Brother Charles Johnson who departed this life Dec. 13th 1905. He was a faithful and never tiring Christian brother, he was a deacon of South Calvary Baptist church up until he was summoned from labor to reward. We as officers and members of Calvary Baptist church feel that in the death of Brother Johnson, our loss is irreplaceable; but we will only bow in deep submission to the will of him that doeth all things well. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain. Submitted by the officers of Calvary Baptist church.

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Indianapolis people are to have another intellectual treat furnished by the Woman's Improvement club, in the form of a lecture to be given by the noted author and educator, W. E. B. DuBois. Mr. DuBois has no superior educationally in the Negro race, and few persons who have read his writings, especially his "Souls of Black Folks" but have desired to meet the author. The lecture will be on "John Brown" and will take place at Bethel A. M. E. church, Thursday evening, Jan. 11th. This club had Mary Pettiford-Brown.

On Thursday evening Dec. 14th at 9 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown 323 Ellsworth street the marriage of their daughter, Rosa to Mr. Samuel A. Pettiford took place. Rev. Chas. H. Johnson pastor of the Second Baptist church performed the ceremony.

The bridesmaid Miss Bettie Bramlett an aunt of the bride entered the parlor, gown in blue silk with blue silk and carried white carnations. Next came the best man Thomas Bramlett and the groom. The bride entered handsomely gowned in white silk with white silk, trimmed in sherry, lace and ribbon, and carried white roses.

Mr. Pettiford is an embalmer for the firm of Shelton &amp; Willis. Mr. and Mrs. Pettiford are at home to friends at 323 Ellsworth street.

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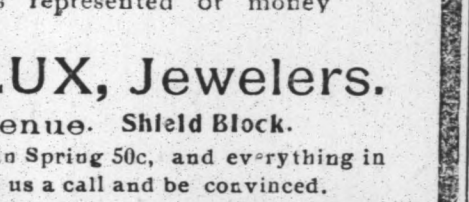
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